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Title: Cloned DNA sequences related to the entire genomic RNA of human immunodeficiency virus II (HIV-2), polypeptides encoded by these DNA sequences and use of these DNA clones and polypeptides in diagnostic kits

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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS CONTAINING THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 2 (HIV-2)
POL GENE AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING A POLYPEPTIDE ENCODED BY THE
NUCLEIC ACIDS (AMENDED TITLE)

1. Supplemental Preliminary Amendment
2. Information Disclosure Statement
3. PTO 1449 including a copy of each of the 24 references listed therein



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